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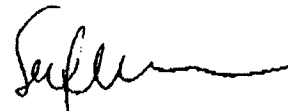
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After three years of negotiation, the Department of Justice has announced a proposed settlement for the Microsoft antitrust case. All terms were arrived at with a court-appointed mediator. I favor finalizing settlement of this case at the earliest possible date.

Microsoft has agreed to allow competing technology developers to reconfigure Windows links to suit their needs so that they may promote their own software products. Microsoft has also agreed to make documentation and protocols available to competitors to facilitate these reconfigurations. Basically, the settlement has provisions that satisfy all of the issues originally raised in the suit and the issues raised since then.

Further litigation would only serve to drag this case out and tie up the courts unnecessarily. I ask for your support to bring this case to a timely closure. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Sergio Toscano